

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

When a personal computer (PC) fails in transmission of print direction to a printer or interactive communications, the following process is carried out. If there is no DHCP server, the printer on a network is searched for by broadcasting, using information specific to the printer. If a change in an IP address of the printer is detected, the printer-specific information within the PC is updated, and print port setting is updated. This can cope with the change in the IP address of the printer connected to the network.